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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), OGEN, SOPN

SUBJECT: SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH

1. WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE SPEECH AND CONSIDER IT TO BE A FIRST-RATE PRODUCT. BELOW ARE SOME SONNENFELDT NITPICKS BUT OTHER THAN THESE FEW COMMENTS WE HAVE NOTHING THAT ANY OF US THINK CAN SERVE TO IMPROVE AN ALREADY SUPERB PRODUCT.

2. SONNENFELDT COMMENTS:

(A) THE POINT THAT NO AMERICAN POLICY CAUSED OR COULD HAVE PREVENTED CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS OR OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS IS REPEATED THREE TIMES. IT OUGHT TO BE MADE ONLY ONCE, UNLESS THE FORMULA IS MORE VARIED. SUGGEST YOU KEEP IT EITHER IN PARA 15 OR PARA 23.

(B) IN PARA 44, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SAY "NO PART OF THE GLOBE WOULD BE SPARED FROM THE EFFECTS OF A GENERAL NUCLEAR EXCHANGE."

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(C) IN PARA 46, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SAY "FOR UNDER

VIRTUALLY NO FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES COULD THE UNITED STATES"

(D) IN PARA 53, WE NEED TO BE MORE PRECISE TO AVOID OVER-SIMPLIFICATION BORDERING ON INACCURACY. I WOULD PREFER SAYING "WE THEN HAD THE CHOICE BETWEEN CONTINUING THE DEPLOYMENT OF LARGE HEAVY THROWWEIGHT MISSILES LIKE THE TITAN OR ATLAS, OR UNDERTAKING DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF LARGER NUMBERS OF SMALLER, MORE FLEXIBLE ICBMS OR COMBINATIONS OF BOTH TYPES. THE ADMINISTRATION THEN IN OFFICE CHOSE TO RELY" AFTER "... WHEN THE PROGRAMS WERE COMPLETE," INSERT, "ONLY 54 OF THE HEAVY TITANS WERE RETAINED AND STILL REMAIN IN THE FORCE."

(E) IN PARA 54, IT SHOULD READ "... NO WAY TO REDUCE THE NUMERICAL GAP BEFORE THE LATE SEVENTIES. . . ."

(F) IN PARA 56, IT SHOULD READ: "IT FORCES THE SOVIETS TO AGREE TO DISMANTLE 210 OLDER"

(G) IN PARA 58, SAY "COVERING STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS AND HEAVY BOMBERS," AND STRIKE "AND MISSILES" BETWEEN "FORWARD-BASED AIRCRAFT" AND "IN EUROPE."

(H) IN PARA 65, THE 30 BILLION FIGURE IS NOT REPEAT NOT THE CURRENT ONE USED BY DEFENSE. THEIR CONTINGENCY BUDGET NOW HAS 19 BILLION DOLLARS OVER FIVE YEARS. SO, YOU COULD SAY "ABOUT 20 BILLION DOLLARS." BE SURE TO KEEP THIS VERY MUCH AS A CONDITIONAL FIGURE SINCE THE DEFENSE STUDY IS SUPPOSED TO BE CLOSEHOLD. INGERSOLL

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